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**Estimated U.S. Live Poultry Slaughter Under Federal Inspection**  
**For Week Ending 16-Sep-00 (Thousand Head)**

	Current Week	Previous Week
	09/16/00	09/09/00
Bro-Fry	158,105	137,735
Lt Hens	1,738	1,490
Hvy Hens	1,577	1,340

**U.S. Fowl Slaughtered In Canada**  
**Weeks Ending 09-Sep-00 (Thousand Head)**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	235	20	255
Last Week	356	27	383
Same Wk Yr Ago	300	0	300
To Date 2000	16,840	291	17,131
To Date 1999	17,037	199	17,236

(R) Revised

Source: Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division

**Total U.S. Fowl Slaughtered In The U.S. And Canada**

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total
Head	1,724	1,316	3,040
Last Week	2,183	1,597	3,780
Same Wk Yr Ago	1,883	1,368	3,251
To Date 2000	86,379	51,915	138,294
To Date 1999	93,145	49,834	142,979

**Live Poultry Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection**  
**Week Ending 09-Sep-00 (Thousand Head)**

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	134,859 (A)	1,489	1,296	2,785
Avg Wt	4.87	3.51	7.97	5.59
Last Week	157,965	1,827	1,570	3,397
Same Week Yr Ago	135,122	1,583	1,368	2,951
Avg Wt	4.91	3.35	8.20	5.59
To-Date/2000	5,564,581	69,539	51,624	121,163
To-Date/1999	5,454,249	76,108	49,635	125,743

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier were 148.8 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 136.5 million head or 92 percent of estimated fryers available.

(R) Revised

**Young Chickens Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection,  
Classified By Live Weight, Week Ending September 2, 2000**

(A) Fast Food/Food Service 4.20 Lbs & Down	(B) Retail 4.21-5.25 Lbs	(C) Deboning 5.26 Lbs & Up
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Head	39,522	28,265	43,701
Avg Weight	3.76	4.74	5.91
% Of Total /1	35%	25%	39%
Comparisons			
Last Week	38,907	41,047	38,325
Avg Weight	3.76	4.76	6.00
% Of Total /1	33%	35%	32%
Same Week, Yr Ago /2	31,385	37,317	27,135
Avg Weight	3.74	4.86	6.12
% Of Total /1	33%	39%	28%

To Date/2000	1,173,334	1,167,282	1,432,216
To Date/1999	1,145,880	1,069,633	1,439,683

/1 May Not Total To 100% Due To Rounding

/2 Comparable Week

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

**Live Turkeys Slaughtered Week Ending 09-Sep-00  
(Thousand Head)**

	Young Hens	Toms	Young Breeder	Old Breeder	Total
Head	2,043	2,414	37	30	4,524
Avg Wt	15.51	32.51	24.94	28.88	24.75
Head Sltr Comparisons					
Last Week 06/03/00	2,373	2,864	89	23	5,349
Same Week Yr Ago	3,963 (C)		6	48	4,017
Avg Wt	25.92 (C)		30.67	24.60	25.91
To-Date/2000	168,116 (C)		948	989	170,053
To-Date/1999	171,898 (C)		546	1,291	173,735
CHECK TOTAL	11,799,799	159,426	113,477	264,327	394,743

(B) Includes 166,000 fryer/roasters in 2000 and 55,000 in 1999.

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch.  
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